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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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| Application Number   | 09/996,789                              |
| Confirmation Number  | 4578                                    |
| Filing Date          | November 30, 2001                       |
| First Named Inventor | Dorron LEVY                             |
| Group Art Unit       | 2857                                    |
| Examiner Name        | Hal D. Wachsman                         |
| Matter Number        | Q66130                                  |
| Title                | FAILURE PREDICTION APPARATUS AND METHOD |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☒ Other Excess Claim Fee Letter

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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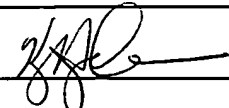
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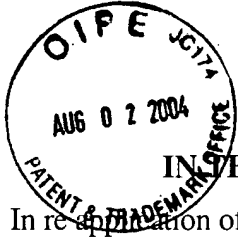
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**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

Name William H. Mandir Registration No. 32,156

Signature  Kelly G. Hyndman  
Reg. No. 37,234 Date August 2, 2004



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Dorron LEVY, et al.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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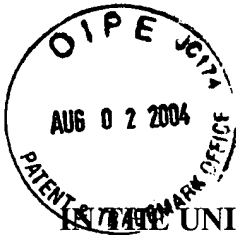
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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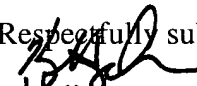
Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

|             | After<br>Amendment |   | Highest No.<br>Previously Paid<br>For |   |    |   |         |   |          |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|----|---|---------|---|----------|
| All Claims  | 52                 | - | 40                                    | = | 12 | X | \$18.00 | = | \$216.00 |
| Independent | 7                  | - | 6                                     | = | 1  | X | \$86.00 | = | \$86.00  |
| TOTAL       |                    |   |                                       |   |    |   |         | = | \$302.00 |

A check for the statutory fee of \$302.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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